

Friday, March 27, 2020

Language/Community Service

On Wednesday we started our morning meeting by checking in with each other about something that we are grateful for, expressing gratitude for all the little things and people that make our lives wonderful. The other day my wife left a note by the kitchen sink that said, "Thank you for doing the dishes", because over the past week and a half she has been busy and I have taken on most of that work. It made my day to get that note. So take some time today and over the weekend to find ways to express gratitude towards your family and everyone else that supports you. It could be a nicely decorated note that you leave for a parent or sibling, or a large poster you leave outside for the postal worker or someone else helping you. Remember, try to make it as specific as possible. Think "I really appreciated the cookies you baked today" as opposed to "I really appreciate you."

Here are lots of other ideas that a friend came up with:

- Write a letter, a poem, send a picture to someone who is living alone, or just lonely.
- Set up a food donation box at the grocery store (where parents are going anyway) – or set out a box on a nearby street corner (some people have transformed their tiny libraries to food donation stations). Get the word out on social media.
- Make a video of an older child reading a book for younger, non-readers to listen to.
- Paint cheery pictures and place them in the street-side windows of your home for passers-by.
- Play music on your porch/stoop/street for your neighbors.
- Send a "you're a hero" letter to necessary workers: garbage collectors, letter carriers, medical personnel, grocery store clerks, EMT/firefighters, police officers, air cargo personnel and truck drivers and barge workers who keep our supply chains operating, Amazon packers.
- Research and carry out more ideas!

Art

Look closely at the different pictures. (Attached Texture Examples) Describe what each would feel like if it was real and you could touch it. Try to draw a few of the textures. You can also practice visual texture by following the directions on the attachment called: Practice Stimulating Texture. Send me some of your work to share with the class.

Biology

Here are the results about washing fruits and vegetables that I promised. After reading the article, reflect on the hypothesis you made and whether the results of the experiment confirm or disprove your hypothesis.

<https://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=14540742>

Biology

We talked the other day about how the Covid-19 got started and several people had ideas about how it might have started. Here is a link to an article about what a coronavirus is and also about the Covid-19 strain of that virus.

<https://www.sciencenewsforstudents.org/article/explainer-what-is-a-coronavirus>

Science

It seemed like you really enjoyed the lesson on hand sanitizer. Here is another quick video on germs and how they get inside your body.

<https://mysteryscience.com/mini-lessons/germs#slide-id-8055>

See you soon,
Carl